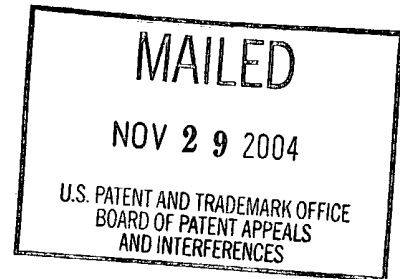


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Application No. 09/689,911

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 31, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

We were unable to locate a copy of the Skolnick et al., Bork, Doerkes et al., Smith et al., Brenner, and Bork et al. references relied on by the Examiner on page 3 of the Examiner's Answer mailed June 1, 2004.

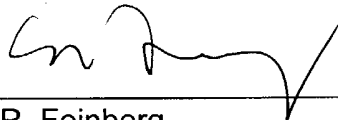
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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to locate the missing references (Skolnick et al., Bork, Doerkes et al., Smith et al., Brenner, and Bork et al.), have complete copies scanned into the IFW file, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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